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#### INVENTION OF DEVICE

TO EXPLODE MINES

"During my spare time I had invented a device to explode mines by doing away with electrical wiring. In this way I was able to overcome the effect of dampness or water on the wires. I applied to the colonel of my regiment, and he decided to give me a chance. He put me in touch with the Secret Service Office, and one of the agents arranged for my passage to the United States. I came here on the steamship Rotterdam, arriving, I believe, April 23 last. I had no trouble in getting into the country."

Pay said that he and Scholz had conducted a large number of experiments with his mine device along the Hudson River, but declared that Daech was in no way implicated. The man said that, although Pay did not appear to be a German name, he believed Pay was his correct name, and that he was listed under that name in his regiment. He also said that he was a German. Pay said he was well supplied with money when he arrived here, and, therefore, was able to act on his own responsibility.

"When the German secret service arranged for my trip to the United States they left the advisability of using my device to the judgment of German military and naval officers in this country," Pay said. "Both Captain von Papen and Captain Boy-Ed strongly refused to make any use of my device in this country, but said that its use in Canada would depend upon developments."

Lieutenant Pay explained how he planned to attach machines carrying his device to the propeller of munition-laden vessels sailing from New York. By attaching the device, he calculated, the mine would be exploded when the steamer was about half a day out.

#### NO MINES ATTACHED

TO LOADED VESSELS

Pay declined to say whether he had attempted to attach mines to any ships in this harbor, but declared he had attached to ships at loaded vessels. He said he had been refused since early in July to carry out his mine-planting campaign, and waited here, hoping the German military and naval attaches would change their minds about accepting his offer.

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State Department officials were much interested today in press accounts of the confession, and it was said that the complete report of the case was expected to-morrow from agents of the Secret Service who assisted in arresting Pay and his alleged accomplices.

The American government, the officials said, would regard such business against a "friendly" state as an offense of great gravity.

As to Captain Haddon and Captain Boy-Ed, the German embassy attaches, it was said that if Pay and the truth in his so-called confession no blame could be attached to them.

Information as far as the department officials believed that no action would be taken by the Federal authorities in the case, but that the government might appear more in the nature of a defender than prosecutor when the men came to trial, for the department is bound to see that all rights of a subject of Germany are protected.

#### LEGISLATURE MUST

APPROVE CHANGES

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election, thereby counting against the adoption of the form of government every voter who refrained from voting in the election.

"In addition, it may be said that it is of doubtful constitutionality, first, because it makes no distinction in the mode of procedure for cities under 50,000 inhabitants from those over that number, as the Constitution requires, and, second, in that it does not provide for the approval by the Legislature of a charter adopted under it, there being it seems to me no provision in the amendment to section 117, which authorizes the adoption of a special form of government until the same has been approved by the general assembly, either before its submission to the people or after its submission."

#### CITY COUNCIL DID NOT

APPROVE PASSAGE OF ACT

"It is, therefore, not strange, at some point to think that the council of the city of Richmond, under the advice of the City Attorney, did not approve that act by which it was adopted, and that act was not constitutional and practical."

The act referred to as "Constitutional Amendment No. 1" was approved on March 12, 1914, and was intended to have a population in excess of 10,000 may request the General Assembly to grant a special form of government. The provisions of the act were approved, before its passage, by a resolution passed by the City Council on February 12, 1914. The Adams resolution provides for its repeal, and it is signed to still reform by a measure designed to change to come from the Council.

Mr. Pollard holds that the Legislature has not exhausted its power in affording cities and towns of the Commonwealth an opportunity to avail themselves of the provisions of the amended Section 117 of the Constitution, and that it may exercise its legislative function in passing on legislative acts relating to the mode and procedure necessary in order to

## Heavy Fighting Now in Progress on Several of Battle Fronts

HEAVY fighting continues in the Balkans, on the Russian front from the Gulf of Riga through Galicia, on the Austro-Italian line, and in the Champagne region of France.

In the Balkans the Teutonic allies and Bulgarians are gaining ground against the Serbs almost everywhere, but in the south the French have decisively defeated the Bulgarians at Krivopal, on the Saloniki-Nish railway, southeast of Vele, giving them control of the line some forty miles to the north of the Greek frontier.

In Champagne the French are warring off German counter-attacks against a section of an important salient, known as "la Courtine," which the French had captured. Some trenches in the center have been recaptured by the Germans, but latest reports were that the opposing forces were fighting fiercely with grenades and probably with the bayonet.

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A gain of some ground west of Komarow for the Germans is recorded by Berlin, as an offset to the Hlousk retreat.

In addition to the heavy fighting in the eastern sector of the Austro-Italian battle line, which Rome anticipates shortly will result in the capture of Gorizia by the Italians, there have been three hostile air raids over Venice. In none of these was great material damage done, although one church suffered severely and three persons were injured.

Germany admits the sinking of the German armored cruiser Prinz Adalbert by an allied submarine off Liban, and announces that only a few of her crew, which in peace times totaled 557, were saved.

The committee had accomplished a great deal. A resolution was also passed requesting the City Attorney to submit an opinion as to whether nominations made by preferential ballot or primary election, if so included in the proposed charter, would be constitutional.

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LATTER RECALLED TO PEKING

Change in China's Representative to This Government Considered of Significance as Bearing on Future Interests of Oriental Republic.

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